



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD
7506 E. Indian School Road
Scottsdale, AZ.
Wednesday, July 17, 2002
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Basinger called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board to order at 5:40 p.m. The presence of a quorum was noted.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Daniel Basinger, Chair
Don Manthe, Vice Chair
Lynn Ashby
Michael Brady
Michael Mulroy
Hank Rampelt
Randy Nussbaum

**Green Building
Committee Liaison:** Ron Hand

Staff Present: Larry Person
Anthony Floyd
Joe Gross
Matteo Moric
Connie Padian

Guests: Roseanne Sanchez, City of Phoenix

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice Chair Manthe and seconded by Board Member Ashby, the minutes from the 6/19/02 meeting were approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Introduction of New Board Members

Chair Basinger introduced new Board Member Michael Mulroy, and welcomed him to the Board. Mr. Mulroy commented that the Board appeared to be composed of a very talented group of individuals and that he was pleased to be a part of that group. Chair Basinger noted that Hank Rampelt had also been appointed to the Board and was en route from the airport to join the meeting.

Electric Drops

Chair Basinger advised the Board that Mr. Peaser was unable to attend the meeting for this presentation. Board Member Ashby moved to include a presentation by Mr. Peaser on electric drops as an agenda item for the August meeting. Board Member Nussbaum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Greenfields – City of Phoenix

Ms. Sanchez prefaced her presentation by stating that any progress in redevelopment required the collaboration of various agencies and cities. She presented an overview of brownfields issues and defined “brownfield” as an abandoned or under-used property that cannot be redeveloped because of contamination or the perception of contamination. Ms. Sanchez pointed out the potential consequences of brownfield properties, including public health risks, loss of potential employment opportunities at that location, loss of sales tax and property tax revenue, and waste of infrastructure.

Ms. Sanchez outlined the Federal agencies providing funding for brownfield cleanup as well as assistance from state and other sources. She reported on the pilot program established by the City of Phoenix to create incentives and reduce obstacles to the rehabilitation of brownfield properties. She referred to legislation passed in December 2001, allowing the County Board of Supervisors to reduce the past due taxes on properties with significant hazardous substance

contamination. She reviewed the outreach and mentoring programs sponsored by the City. Ms. Sanchez summarized the funding sources available through the City and highlighted the brownfield "success stories" to date.

Ms. Sanchez concluded by describing the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act, which provides funds to the EPA for grants to municipalities for brownfield cleanup. The Act is especially significant because it includes petroleum cleanup and expands the definition of brownfields.

Ms. Sanchez encouraged the City of Scottsdale to help in the promotion of a statewide program.

Grey Water System

Mr. Gross presented a slide demonstration of the water reclamation process at Scottsdale's water campus. He observed that the Scottsdale Water Campus is internationally known as the leader in innovation in using wastewater for other purposes. He also pointed out the effort the City has taken to ensure compatible design and architecture for the water and pumping stations. Mr. Gross described the rationale and evolution of the present system and explained the treatment process. He stated that the treated wastewater is utilized in the summer primarily for golf course use and in the winter is further purified and returned to recharge wells and back into the aquifer.

Mr. Gross referred to future expansion sites and described the microfiltration and reverse osmosis processes employed. He responded to Board Member questions regarding water safety and new technology in water filtration. He also advised the Board that a new facility would be constructed in the Hayden McDonald area to serve a portion of southern Scottsdale. He welcomed those who had not done so, to tour the water campus.

Green Building Committee Structure

Mr. Floyd introduced Ron Hand, Green Building Committee liaison to the EQAB. Mr. Hand provided the Board with a brief bio and stated that he was looking forward to interacting with the EQAB.

Mr. Floyd stated that the Committee structure had been revised. The Committee membership was increased from 12 to 14 members in order to allow representation from the utility companies. He noted that attendance at three-quarters of all regularly scheduled meetings would be required, and that the Committee meetings would be chaired by an EQAB member. He also asked for the approval of Fran Smith and Beverly Westgaard as Committee members.

On motion by Vice Chair Manthe and seconded by Board Member Brady, the revisions to the Green Building Committee were approved. The motion passed unanimously.

On motion made by Vice Chair Manthe and seconded by Board Member Ashby, Ms. Smith and Westgaard were approved as Green Building Committee members. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hand expressed optimism about the closer relationship between the EQAB and the Green Building Committee. He proceeded to comment on a few of the projects completed by the Committee, and noted the upcoming Expo and the new fall Lecture Series. Discussion ensued as to outreach strategies for the green program.

(Board Member Rampelt arrives.)

Native Plants

Mr. Basinger announced that Mr. Workman was unable to attend this evening's meeting and that the presentation would be rescheduled.

Chair Basinger introduced Board Member Rampelt as the second newly appointed member. Mr. Rampelt greeted the Board and expressed pleasure at joining the group.

UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Chair Basinger reminded the Board Members that several Council members had expressed an interest in an enforceable noise ordinance. Board Member Nussbaum summarized previous discussions relating to a noise ordinance. Ms. Padian informed the Board that she had an update from a staff perspective on the issue. She noted that she had been asked to put together a matrix of alternatives. She reported that she had done so and presented them to the Deputy City Manager and other administrative staff. She was directed not to proceed with a noise ordinance, but rather to work with the Neighborhood Resources Department in compiling a comprehensive list of what the City already does relating to noise. Ms. Padian suggested that if the Board was interested in proceeding with the ordinance, a meeting with Mr. Goff would be the next step.

Mr. Person advised the Board that staff was involved in preparing scripts for PSAs on a broad spectrum of environmental issues to air throughout the year.

Board Member Nussbaum asked about the possibility of initiating a recycling program for multi family residential and commercial use. Discussion ensued and Mr. Person pointed out the problems associated with such a program, but encouraged discussion and input as to viable solutions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Swanberg
Court Reporter